

German Democratic Republic

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DRAFT OF NEW GDR IMPORT PROCEDURES ( 8 pp; German; 3 Dec 51 - 25 Jan 52)

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This 8-page document furnishes [REDACTED] 3 December 1951, of new GDR import procedures for intra-German and foreign trade, distributed by the import department of the Ministry of Intra-German and Foreign Trade. Comments on the proposed procedures by the coordinating planning group of the Ministry of Trade and Supply are included.

The following procedures were proposed:

1. Import purchases must be planned on an annual basis.
2. The respective departments of the DIA (Intra-German and Foreign Trade Agency) must obtain specifications from and approval of the DHZ (German Trade Center) departments concerned. The DIA will do the actual purchasing of the goods. -- The DHZ is to receive a copy of the contracts concluded for imports from foreign countries. The contract gives the DHZ a legal right for delivery of the goods. Changes and supplements to a contract as well as its cancellation must be made through so-called contract corrections. Overall agreements regarding delivery and sales terms are to be concluded between the DHZ and the DIA. After acceptance of the goods at the border point by the DIA, the DHZ assumes the responsibility for forwarding and distribution.
3. The regulations under 2. above also apply to shipments received in intra-German trade.
4. The personnel of the border point must record all imports from foreign countries and the border personnel of DIA and DHZ must complete the required import reports which are to be forwarded to the Central Office for Statistics of the GDR State Planning Commission.
5. The same procedures <sup>as 4. above</sup> apply to shipments received in intra-German trade.
6. Procedures for settlement of foreign trade transactions: After conclusion of the import contract the Deutsche Notenbank (German Bank of Issue) will acquire the needed foreign exchange in accordance with the foreign ~~x~~ exchange distribution plan.
7. Documents submitted with import orders must furnish comparable prices from previous purchases if available. -- As a rule, the DIA debits the account of the DHZ as soon as the import notification is received. Full payment is to be made in accordance with existing regulations. If the goods received ~~are different from~~ are different from goods billed (quantity, ~~or~~ quality, or specification) then the DIA will issue a debit or credit notice to correct the account.
8. Settlement for shipments received in intra-German trade is similar to 6. and 7. above.
9. Violations of these regulations will be punished according to the Penal Code for Economic Offenses of 23 September 1948 unless other regulations provide for more severe penalties.
10. The concluding regulations furnish instructions for transition from the old procedures to the new ones.

A letter from the coordinating planning group of the GDR Ministry of Trade and Supply, dated 25 January (and 5 January) 1952 to the State Secretariat for Control and Procurement voices objections to some of the provisions of the draft proposals.

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